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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Tim Wyss (Cissna Park) averaged 6.2 points as a reserve guard for the Panther basketball team.

A 6-5, 190 freshman, Wyss played in 30 of the 31 games with the seventh most minutes (504). He scored 187 points, shot 39.2% from the field, 61.1% from the free throw line and averaged 2.4 rebounds.

His top game was 22 points against Murray State, the Ohio Valley Conference champ and likely NCAA tournament participant.

"Tim had an up-and-down season which is typical for most freshmen," said Coach Rick Samuels. "He's a very fluid athlete who possesses outstanding physical talent . . . he's explosive and quick, and as he matures and realizes how to use these talents against this level of competition he will be an outstanding collegiate player.

"I believe Tim's greatest improvement was on defense . . . he really took pride in this phase of his game and rose to the challenge of guarding some of the best players on the opposing teams. At this point how much confidence he displays will be a factor in his play next year," Samuels explained.

EIU finished with a 13-18 record, after starting 0-12, and was second in the Mid-Continent with an 8-4 record. EIU shot 50% from the field in all games, and hit 52.5% in conference action.